



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on September 15, 2010, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; James Carignan; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Dorothy Martin; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; Andrea Levinsky; and Angela Bechard.

Also present were: Commissioner Dr. Angela Faherty; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the August 10, 2010 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That he attended the opening ceremony of the new Durham School. It is a wonderful school and has a great opportunity of bringing the community together as a center and a school.
- That he attended Secretary Arne Duncan's visit to King Middle School in Portland on August 31, 2010. Secretary Duncan's visit included a tour of three Expeditionary Learning projects with students and teachers and a discussion of school safety with teachers, parents and community members, and Mr. Duncan was very impressed with the King Middle School and its program. The Commissioner (Dr. Angela Faherty) did a wonderful job articulating for the State of Maine. In addition, King Principal Mike McCarthy is Maine's 2010 Middle Level Principal of the Year and was a finalist for the 2011 National Middle School Principal of the Year award. Unfortunately, Principal McCarthy did not receive the National award.
- That he attended the New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) meeting in Manchester, New Hampshire. The group looked at policies among participating New England States. Following a meeting of the Legislative Liaison Committee, further information will be provided to the Board.

- That he received a request from a Board member to attend a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) study group. Jim will review the Board's budget with Vice Chair, Steve Pound and determine what funds are available for travel to NASBE study groups. The Board also has three new members that are eligible to attend the NASBE New Member Institute in the spring.
- That he received information on a subscription to Education Weekly (American Education's Newspaper of Record). If any members are interested in receiving a copy, please notify Mary Becker. There is also an option to receive an online copy.
- That the Board Committee assignments are as follows:
 - Certification Committee
 - Nancy Perkins, Chair
 - Jana Lapoint
 - Martha Harris
 - Construction Committee
 - Marilyn Tardy, Chair
 - James Carignan
 - James Banks, Sr.
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee
 - Steven Pound, Chair
 - Dorothy Martin
 - James Banks, Sr.
 - Teacher of the Year
 - Lynda Doyle

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That following the August State Board Retreat, the Legislative Liaison Committee met (Nancy, Marilyn, Jim Banks and Steve) and reviewed the documents evaluated at the Retreat regarding past Board goals. The Committee also reviewed the five strategic plans from other states (Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Iowa). The group took the input gathered from Senator Alfond and the Commissioner of Education for priorities, and they will continue to gather information from stakeholder groups that are attending the meeting today. The Board has heard from the following stakeholder groups: Sandra MacArthur, Maine Superintendent's Association; Dale Douglas, Maine School Board's Association; Chris Galgay and Mark Gray, Maine Education Association; Dick Durost, Maine Principals' Association; and will receive a presentation from Jill Adams and Laurie Lemieux, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities; and Lora Downing and Meg Harvey, Department of Education Career and Technical Education. The Committee will look at all Stakeholder Groups priorities and concerns to see how they will blend in for implementing the Board's strategic plan.
- That he has been in contact with Brenda Welburn at the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) and is inviting her to attend a workshop session to assist the Board in developing a strategic plan. November 4, 2010 is the only date that Brenda is available. Some Board members have indicated that they will not be available on November 4th, but we need to move forward with the process. Nancy and Steve will develop a draft, review it with the Legislative Liaison Committee and then share it with the Board.
- That he attended the American Diploma Project Network Leadership Team meeting in Virginia with Wanda Monthey and Dan Hupp of the Department of Education. There

were a number of different workshop sessions that they attended. The sessions were open dialogue between state team members and resource experts. It was an opportunity to meet with colleagues from other states. Some states have already adopted the Common Core. Maine has adopted the Common Core Standards and is waiting for the provisional adoption.

- That he met with Greg Scott, Department of Education and Elaine Babb from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) to review the Board's budget and reallocate funds for 2012-2013. Steve distributed a spreadsheet of the Board's expenses to date. There are two sections of the budget, "Personal Services" is per diem and "All Other" is for travel, etc. The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) dues have been paid and were deducted from the first quarter. The Board's total budget for the Fiscal Year is \$100,000. Steve has requested that money gets carried over from each quarter this year, so the Board does not have the problem they had last year where members of the Board were not able to receive per diem reimbursement at the end of the fourth quarter.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Nancy Perkins:

- That she attended an InTASC meeting that Dan Conley from the Department of Education conducted on August 11, 2010. The new revisions are out for public comment until October 15, 2010. The revisions will be available in the spring.
- That she attended the Next Generation Meeting on August 12 – 13, 2010 at Pownal. This was the unveiling of the project that the Gray-New Gloucester School System is involved in. It is very inspirational when you look at all the things they are attempting to do. All major stakeholders were in the room, 170 people attended (teachers, administration, parents, students, etc.). The Next Generation is funded through the Stupski Foundation. It is taking standards to the systems level.
- That she attended the Professional Standards Board meeting on August 16, 2010. This was the first meeting of five for this year. The group reviewed potential issues they need to look at this year. A chronic issue is not having full representation. The group was unable to reach a quorum due to attendance issues. The next meeting is on October 5, 2010.
- That on August 19, 2010 she attended the Evaluation Stakeholders Group meeting. The Group is looking at potential models for evaluating teachers and at some point administrators.
- That the National State Board's of Education (NASBE) Study Group that she was a member of for the 21st Century Educator has sent out the initial report. The study group members have all reacted to it. It was very interesting watching the process. The Group decided to focus on technology and how it will affect the 21st Century Educator. She will get a copy to Board members in the next month or two.

James Carignan:

- That he attended the second day of the Next Generation Conference on August 13, 2010. He agrees with Nancy that it was very inspirational. Jim was impressed with the openness of the people around the table and it will be interesting to watch the implementation process. Many creative ideas.

Dorothy Martin:

- No Report

Martha Harris:

- No Report

Jana Lapoint:

- That she attended the Next Generation Conference in August. The Commissioner (Dr. Angela Faherty) did a great job.
- That she attended Secretary Duncan's visit to King Middle School on August 31, 2010. The three students (two girls and one boy) that talked about Expeditionary Learning Projects were excellent. The whole concept on how they are learning is so impressive. These seventh grade students will remember this their entire lives.

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the Durham K-8 unveiling. Commissioner Faherty and Jim Banks were there. The Town of Durham is very proud.

Angela Bechard:

- That her school has started with the RISC program this year. It is getting off to a slow start because of the way all the classes have been set up for many years. All the teachers are participating. In the classrooms during the first few days of school, sticky notes were placed on the board in regards to what a good classroom looks like, what a good teacher looks like and what a good student looks like. The notes were put all together and the school has RISC posters on almost every wall of every classroom. Student testing will go by level and once the student finishes, test well and feels he/she is comfortable and prepared, then the student will go on to the next level.

Andrea Levinsky:

- That she has purchased an item for the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) Silent Auction in October. It is a Lovell Design sand dollar pin that is based on a real sand dollar found in Cape Elizabeth. The artist is Ken Kantro from Maine.
- That she was on a call with Elizabeth Walker from NASBE. Elizabeth shared a packet with her that will be going out to all new student members. Maine and Massachusetts are the only two states that student members serve a two year term. In all other states students serve terms of 3 months to one year. The NASBE packets contain information welcoming students and telling them about NASBE. The packet needs more information about how students can access information. Andrea put together a framework of a student welcome letter and sent it to Elizabeth Walker. NASBE has a Webinar coming up soon that she will be participating in. Staff from the Department of Education will be joining the webinar as well.

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- That she attended the Teacher of the Year Ceremony at Williams Elementary School in Oakland where Shelly Moody, a third and fourth grade teacher was named the 2011 Teacher of the Year. This is the third time she has attended a Teacher of the Year Ceremony. She has also had the opportunity to be a part of the annual selection process and it is a great opportunity to visit the schools and classrooms. This year she attended all five of the finalist schools and each one was wonderful. Shelley Moody will go on to compete in the selection process for the 2011 National Teacher of the Year. This program gives us an opportunity to recognize and support great educators. The Teacher of the Year Banquet is at UNUM in Portland on November 10, 2010. Lynda Doyle will be the Board's representative for the 2012 Teacher of the Year Program.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Marilyn Tardy:

The Department of Education has received 73 applications for Major Capital Improvement school construction projects. The School Facilities Team has reviewed all applications and is now in the midst of performing on-site evaluations of the listed schools. The Team hopes to complete all site evaluations before Christmas 2010 and develop a priority list by the Spring of 2011.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE - Nancy Perkins:

The Committee is beginning review all of the new programs coming out.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED (BOARD OBSERVER) PROPOSED TEAM TO REVIEW THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OFFERED BY BATES COLLEGE

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED (BOARD OBSERVER) PROPOSED TEAM TO REVIEW THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the consent agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED BY-LAWS

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to table the Adoption of the State Board of Education Revised By-Laws until the Board receives clarification on the definition of a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by James Carignan, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the September 15, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 2:00 PM.